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In re: Application of Bernecker et al.

Serial No. 09/701,196
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TITLE: PREPARATION FOR TREATING HUMAN SKIN AND HUMAN
HAIR COMPRISING A SPECIAL ACTIVE INGREDIENT
COMBINATION, AND THE USE OF THIS ACTIVE INGREDIENT
COMBINATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose herewith the documents listed on the enclosed IDC form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document listed is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents and evidence that consideration by initialing the IDC form next to each listed document.

Where a translation has not been provided for a non-English document, the relevance is explained in the specification, or the enclosed English language search report issued by the European Patent Office in the international stage of this application (PCT/EP99/03362).

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore

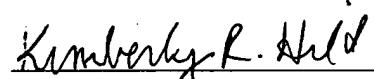
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applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of each listed document. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of them be applied against the claims.

No Office Action on the above-referenced application has been received by Applicants, and therefore no fee for submitting this IDS is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 if any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is deemed necessary for the accompanying references to be considered by the Patent and Trademark Office. This Statement is provided in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

1. PTO Form 1449 w/references
2. International Search Report